

I am an XM Radio subscriber and am concerned about the the National Association of Broadcasters using their political influence to have Congress and the Federal Communications Commission limit XM's ability to provide me with "locally oriented" content, including the new XM Instant Traffic & Weather channels. This is a vital service that I regularly depend upon and use. The commercial-laden content-free alternatives broadcasted by local radio stations are not useful to me for a number of reasons. First and foremost, they are intermittent and incomplete, sometimes taking 30 minutes or more to report on a traffic trouble spot that impacts me. Timely and accurate information can make a crucial difference in my business.

Since I pay for XM radio, the content should not be subject to FCC or congressional restrictions. The NAB seems to be more interested in restricting competition than deciding how to compete in a free-market system. I urge you to not go forward with HR 4026 and to advise congress to kill this bill immediatly.